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**TO: California Children Services (CCS) REGIONAL OFFICES, CCS
ADMINSTRATORS AND MEDICAL CONSULTANTS FOR
INDEPENDENT AND LEVEL III DEPENDENT COUNTIES**

**SUBJECT: SAVE THE DATE FOR A CONTINUING EDUCATION WEBCAST ON
RESPIRATORY SYNCITIAL VIRUS (RSV), PREVENTION WITH
PALIVIZUMAB (SYNAGIS™), AND THE ROLE OF CCS**

Respiratory Syncitial Virus (RSV) season will soon be here and it is important that we are all up-to-date on prevention of this disease and the important role of CCS in facilitating preventive therapy for eligible infants and children in the CCS program. So that we're all on the same page, Children's Medical Services Branch and MedImmune are joining together to sponsor a really interesting seminar entitled: "What's RSV and Why Do I Care?" The seminar will be held via Webcast and is scheduled for **September 16, 2005, from 12:15 to 1:15 PM**. The speaker for the seminar will be Vincent Haynes, M.D., Director, Medical Sciences at MedImmune and Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics, USC School of Medicine.

After attending this seminar, all staff will have a better understanding of RSV and Synagis™, and why your role in expediting authorizations can help to make a difference in the lives of infants and children in our program. Pharmacists and nurses will receive one Continuing Education unit for the seminar. Physicians will be able to receive Continuing Medical Education credit when they complete a self-study course that accompanies a CD that they will receive, entitled "Burden of RSV Disease".

To facilitate this seminar and make it available to staff via Webcast, some technical details need to be addressed at each agency, particularly the number of persons who will be participating in the seminar. Therefore, each Regional Office, Independent

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County and Level III Dependent County must identify a point person to work with MedImmune technical support staff. Some agencies may need additional equipment (which MedImmune will provide) to enhance the Webcast. Counties should submit the name, direct telephone number, and e-mail address of their point person to Julie Linderman, jlinderm@dhs.ca.gov by close of business August 1, 2005.

More detailed information will be provided in the next few weeks. If there are any questions, please contact your Regional Office Administrative Consultant.

Sincerely,

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